THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH) : (a) to (c) Ordnance Depots store a large variety of equipments which can broadly be classified as general stores, clothing and armament. The other major group is ammunition.

As per current procedure, stores upon first receipt in Ordnance Depots are inspected, accounted for and only then stored in sheds. This being a continuous process, a certain amount of serviceable inventory will, therefore, be in the open at any given time, but only for a prescribed and limited period.

Instructions are standard about ensuring stroage of serviceable inventory in covered accommodation. This is to avoid losses on account of weather. However, obsolete and unserviceable items awaiting disposal are, sometimes, stored in the open.

Due to security reasons, it is not appropriate to give depot-wise details either of inventory or of the space available for storage.

Promotion Policy in NIC

*556 SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether national Informatics Centre (NIC) has any specific promotion policy for the persons belonging to Technical Category;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any complaint regarding the promotion of women candidates; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of the promotion policy for promotion to the next grade is given in statement (*see* below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of the promotion policy for promotion to the next grade is as under:

Sl. No.	Scales of pay	Post	Min. Residency Period linked to performance	ACR Marks (%)	Inter-view Marks (%)
			(In First Attempt)		
(a)	Rs.5000-8000	Sci./Tech.Asst-A	3 years	85%	85%
(b)	Rs.6500-10500	Sci./Tech.Asst-B	3 years	85%	85%
(c)	Rs.7450-11500	Sci.Officer/Eng.SB	3 years	85%	85%
(d)	Rs.8000-13500	Scientist-B	3 years	85%	85%
(e)	Rs.10000-15200	Scientist-C	4 years	85%	85%
(f)	Rs.12000-16500	Scientist-D	4 years	85%	85%
(g)	Rs.14300-18300	Scientist-E	5 years	85%	85%
(h)	Rs.16400-20000	Scientist-F	5 years	85%	85%
(i)	Rs.18400-22400	Scientist-G	Next grade promotion not covered under promotion policy		

Termination of Centrally Sponsored Scheme

*557. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to terminate a substantial number of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes concerning education, agriculture and animal husbandry;

(b) if so, the number and names of such schemes;

(c) the rationale behind taking this decision;

(d) whether some schemes have transferred to the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?